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SUBJECT: MAURITANIA: CHANGE OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT'S
REPRESENTATIVE AT THE UN

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¶1. (SBU) On February 15, 2009 the Charge received two letters, both dated February 10, 2009 from President Abdallahi addressed to Under Secretary General of the Office of Legal Affairs UN, Hon. Patricia O'Brien, indicating a change of Mauritania's representation to the United Nations. Scanned copies of the letters will be sent to AF/W. Abdallahi's representative noted that such appointment in this current political climate is "tricky" but hopes that Mauritanian presence in the UN will assist in advancing their agenda to urge members of the Security Council to implement targeted sanctions against the regime of General Abdel Aziz and its supporters (see reftel).

¶2. (SBU) The following is an English translation of the original French letter withdrawing the accreditation and credentials of Mr. Abderrahim Ould HADRAMI:

BEGIN TEXT

Under Secretary General,

Mr. Abderrahim Ould HADRAMI has been accredited by me as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Organization in New York.

In my capacity as the legitimate President of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, I notify you of my decision to terminate the mission of Mr. Abderrahim Ould HADRAMI to the UN and, therefore, withdraw the accreditation and credentials authorities that I have given him.

Please accept, Madame Under Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sidi Mohamed Ould CHEIKH ABDALLAHI

END TEXT

¶3. (SBU) The following is an English translation of the original French letter appointing Mr. Sidi Mohamed Ould AMAJAR as the Mauritanian representative to the UN:

BEGIN TEXT

Under Secretary General,

I have the honor to notify you of my decision to appoint Mr. Sidi Mohamed Ould AMAJAR as the legitimate Government of the Islamic Republic of Mauritania representative to the United Nations Organization in New York.

Given the current situation where the legitimate government is unable to exercise its constitutional prerogatives by a military junta that seized power by force, I request from the United Nations Organization any assistance it can provide to Mr. AMAJAR to fulfill the mission I have assigned him.

Please accept, Madame Under Secretary General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sidi Mohamed Ould CHEIKH ABDALLAHI

END TEXT
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